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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 15, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A petition to extend the period of response for one month, from April 14, 2002 to May 14, 2003 accompanies this Amendment. A copy of a replacement drawings and letter to the draftsperson is also included. A Declaration of Dr. Z.R. Sung, Ph.D. under 37 CFR § 1.132 and an information disclosure statement (IDS) also accompanies this Amendment.